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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Notice of Non-compliant Amendment

1. The amendment filed on 05 February 2004 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121, as amended on June 30, 2003 (see 68 Fed. Reg. 38611, June 30, 2003). In order for the amendment to be compliant, correction of the following is required. **Only the section (1.121(h)) of the amendment containing the omission of non-compliant provision must be resubmitted (in its entirety), e.g. the entire "Claim listing" section of applicant's amendment must be re-submitted.** Applicant needs to carefully check the amendment for compliance as this is the second non-compliant amendment that has been submitted.

2. The following item causes the amendment to be non-compliant:

- The amendment is improper as **each section of an amendment document (e.g. Specification Amendments, Claim Amendments, and Remarks)** must begin on a separate sheet. Note that applicant has the "Remarks" section on the same page as part of claim 25.
- Applicant has not amended the claims properly as the text of all **withdrawn claims** must be submitted each time any claim is amended. Note that applicants have not provided the text of the withdrawn claims.

3. Since the non-compliant amendment is a reply to a NON -FINAL OFFICE ACTION, and since the amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to be a reply (37 CFR 1.135 (c)), applicant is given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH** from the mailing date of this notice within which to re-submit the corrected section which complies with

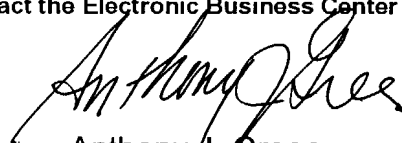
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37 CFR 1,121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD ARE AVAILABLE UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anthony J. Green whose telephone number is 571-272-1367. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday 6:30-4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark L. Bell can be reached on 571-272-1362. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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